

## Senate Resolution 988

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to amend federal loan programs so as to delay the  
2 initiation of student loan repayments for active duty military persons deployed after  
3 graduation until six months following their return to the United States, and encouraging  
4 government officials and private lending institutions to also honor and recognize the sacrifice  
5 of military personnel by similarly delaying the initiation of the student loan repayment grace  
6 period for our active duty troops; and for other purpose.

7 WHEREAS, the federal loan programs make up the vast majority of higher education loan  
8 programs for students throughout the United States, and such programs are initiated by acts  
9 of the United States Congress; and

10 WHEREAS, under federal loan programs, either private lenders make federally guaranteed  
11 student loans to parents and students, or the government directly provides loans or subsidies  
12 to students; and

13 WHEREAS, private lending businesses and more than 6,000 educational institutions benefit  
14 from government student loan programs and related initiatives; and

15 WHEREAS, it is recognized that those persons who choose to serve in the United States  
16 military following graduation are making the highest personal sacrifice for their country and  
17 fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, our active duty military personnel help to ensure the continued freedom of all  
19 Americans and are deserving of special treatment and benefits relating to the repayment of  
20 student loans; and

21 WHEREAS, students who are called to serve their country should not suffer the additional  
22 burden of having to begin the repayment of their student loans while in active combat.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 hereby urge the United States Congress to amend all federal loan programs so as to delay the  
25 initiation of any student loan repayment until six months following the return of an active  
26 duty military person to the United States.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage federal and state  
28 government officials and private lending institutions to recognize the sacrifice of military  
29 personnel deployed out of the United States by delaying the initiation of the repayment grace  
30 period of a student loan following graduation to begin after the person returns full time to the  
31 United States or otherwise completes active duty military combat service.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Governor  
34 Sonny Perdue, the United States Senate, and the United States House of Representatives.